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MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Seventy-sixth Annual Session of the Muscle Shoals Association of Baptists convened with the Bethel Baptist church, Colbert county, Ala., on Friday October 4th, 1895, at 11, a. m. Elder R. T. Wear preached the introductory sermon. His text was: Romans 4th 19th—"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all." After the sermon, prayer was offered by Elder J. I. Stockton and a recess of one hour taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time, Elder Jackson Gunn, the former moderator, called the Association to order. The former clerk, Elder Jos. Shackelford, took his place at the clerk's table.

After religious services, conducted by the moderator, the association was declared ready for business and the following brethren were appointed as reading clerks, viz: J. C. Orr, J. I. Stockton and E. S. Atkinson.

The letters from the churches were then read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel, (Morgan county)—W. H. Lawrence.

Bethel, (Colbert county)—Isaac Bradford, A. J. Kirby, T. B. McClesky.

Central church, New Decatur—O. F. Wright.

Falkville—S. S. Leeman, J. P. Thompson, W. H. Hay.

Enon—J. T. Wallace, F. N. McMillan.

Gum Springs, (Morgan county)—Letter, no delegates.

Friendship—James Walker.

Hopewell—J. J. Sandlin, D. J. Orr.

Harmony—J. A. Walker, J. S. Howell, W. W. Tucker.

Gum Springs, (Lawrence county)—G. W. Bond, W. H. Mustin.

Macedonia, (Franklin county)—Mike Finney, John H. Tubbs,

Thos Vincent.

- Hartselle—J. D. McClanahan, W. T. Cobbs, J. C. Orr.
Decatur, (First church)—Edwin S. Atkinson.
Liberty—J. M. Roberts.
Lebanon—Letter, no delegates.
Mt. Zion, (Morgan county)—Letter, no delegates.
Moulton—J. M. Sandlin.
Bethany—J. D. Dawson, J. T. Odell, J. J. Agee.
Mt. Nebo, (Morgan county)—Letters, no delegates.
Mt. Zion, (Lawrence county)—A. Beaver, C. C. Willis.
Mt. Hope—Lewis M. Whitman, Geo. W. Jackson.
Mt. Nebo, (Franklin county)—Harbert Horton, L. Quinn.
Thos Byars.
New Prospect—F. M. Caruth, J. P. Masterson.
Mt. Stanley—C. A. Reynolds, J. W. McDaniel, W. R. Flanagan.
New Friendship—W. E. Wright, J. A. Blankinship.
New Hope—J. R. Blackman, O. B. Harris.
New Center—Letter, no delegates.
Danville—Jos. Shackelford, J. G. Orr, N. W. Roper.
Pleasant Hill—J. Gunn, A. J. Stewart, C. T. Royer.
Valhermosa Springs—Letter, no delegates.
Town Creek—R. T. Wear, John N. Jackson, L. A. Wear.
Sheffield, (First church)—E. Evans.
Tuscumbia—A. L. Moody, J. A. McWilliams, H. McWilliams.
Okolona—J. C. Reed, J. J. Beck.
Russellville—Peter Clay, Morris Orman, S. D. Sargent.
Salem,—E. F. Weatherwax.
Center Grove—M. W. Ratliff.
Shady Grove—Letter, no delegates.
Pleasant Grove—T. R. Bragg, G. D. Montgomery, T. A. Bragg.

After the enrollment the association proceeded to the election of officers. Brothers J. D. McClanahan and D. F. Green were appointed tellers.

The tellers, after counting the votes, announced that Bro. R. T. Wear was elected moderator, and Bro. Jos. Shackelford, clerk.

After a few remarks by the moderator and clerk, elect, the moderator announced that the association was ready for business.

On motion of Bro. J. Gunn, the order of business as printed in the minutes of last year was adopted as the order of business for this session.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

On a call for petitionary letters, letters were read from the following churches, which were received and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Siloam, (Franklin county)—Oscar Grisham.

Trinity—J. I. Stockton, T. W. Williams, William Speer.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Bro. A. E. Burns, Evangelist of the State Mission Board, was received.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

COMMITTEES.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Bethel church with Bros. J. C. Orr and Peter Clay.

On State of Religion—J. D. McClanahan, John Howell, T. R. Bragg.

On Documents—J. I. Stockton, T. W. Williams, Thomas McCleskey.

On Finance—A. L. Moody, J. G. Orr, George Jackson.

On motion, the association adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. A. E. Burns.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday, October 5th 1895.

The Association convened at the hour appointed. The religious services were conducted by Elder E. S. Atkinson, after which the association was called to order and the minutes of Friday read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. I. Stockton, the subject of missions was made the special order for 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A letter was read from First church, New Decatur and the name of Bro. G. W. Bell enrolled as its delegate.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Danville School was read, and after remarks by Bro's. Jos. Shackelford, D. F. Green, J. C. Orr, and Marion Briscoe, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH ALABAMA BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND NORMAL SCHOOL.

To the Muscle Shoals Association: Dear Brethren--

The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School at Danville, Ala., beg leave to make this, their third annual report to your body:

The school closed its second session last June. The commencement exercises were well attended and the students acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their teachers. We had one full graduate. The enrollment during the session was 76, Prof. J. C. Tidwell retired at the close of the first five month's term and Miss Emma Shackelford took his place. The Board of Trustees, at their annual meeting in June, elected Prof. D. F. Green, a graduate of the Marion Military Institute, President of the school, in place of Rev. Jos. Shackelford, who resigned. Prof. Green comes to us, highly recommended by Dr. Murphy, President of Marion Military Institute.

Miss Lizzie M. Jackson has charge of the Musical Department, and also assists in the literary department. She comes highly recommended; she is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. Prof. Green will give especial attention to Bookkeeping and will give instruction in Commercial law and Typewriting. Young men and young ladies can be prepared at this school for business, at a very small cost. They can get all the advantages that are to be secured at commercial schools for less than one half the cost. The Trustees have recently furnished the school with a complete set of maps, charts and globes, which will be of great advantage to the school.

The third session commenced on the 2nd of September. We now have an enrollment of about 50, with a good promise of more pupils soon. The school will on the 1st of October, issue a monthly paper, in the interest of the school, of which the price of subscription will be 50 cents per year. We trust our people will patronize this paper and thus help the school.

We think the Baptists of this association ought to patronize this school. It is your school and deserves your patronage. There is still about \$100 due on the subscription made to this school two years ago, we need this very much to pay for articles bought by the Trustees for the school. We trust that those who have not paid all their subscription, will do so as soon as possible, to our financial agent, Rev. Jos. Shackelford. The term of the following named trustees expires at this session of your body, viz: W. H. Simpson, J. C. Tidwell, and G. C. Hardwick. Their places will have to be filled, either by their reappointment or the appointment of others. Respectfully submitted.

T. L. BAKER, Secretary.

W. H. SIMPSON, President.

Danville, Ala., September 30, 1895,

A letter from Cherry Hill church was presented, read, and the names of the following delegates enrolled, T. E. McCullock, E. R. Richerson.

The following committee was appointed to suggest names of brethren to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees in the Danville school: Bros. W. T. Cobbs, J. C. Orr and D. J. Orr.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following report of the Executive Board was read, and after some discussion, adopted:

Report of Executive Board of Muscle Shoals Association, made October 1895.

Your committee met in Moulton on Oct. 27th, 1894. We found from Bro. Jos. Shackelford's report that we had available funds amounting to \$468.00, of this amount we appropriated to Harmony church, \$25.00

Home Mission Board	25.00
State Mission Board	25.00
Foreign Mission Board.....	25.00

The above donations are independent of any other donations to Home, State or Foreign Mission Boards. We turned over one third of the remainder of our funds \$114.00 to Bro's. Burleson, Kitchens and Tidwell, to apply to mission work in the eastern portion of the association. We required that all churches that applied to this Board for aid to pay to the association an amount equal to the amount they ask from the association. We required each missionary employed by the Board, to make quarterly reports of their mission work to the Board.

We instructed our clerk to write to all the churches in this association, which had not paid their pledges, and request them to send the amount to the treasurer at once. At a subsequent meeting we employed Bro. J. M. Sandlin for \$150.00, his church at Decatur to pay \$50 of this amount. Bro. Sandlin made the canvass of this association with Bro. Burns and since that time has been doing work in the 1st and 2nd districts.

Respectfully Submitted, O. D. GIBSON, Chairman Board.
J. M. SANDLIN, Clerk.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The brethren herein named were appointed correspondents to the following associations and other bodies with which we correspond:

To Liberty Association—Jos. Shackelford, J. I. Stockton, E. S. Atkinson.

To Big Bear Creek Association—M. Finney.

To Cullman Association—M. Briscoe, J. C. Orr, W. T. Cobbs.

To Florence Association—Harbert Horton, E. Evans.

To Alabama Baptist State Convention—Jos. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin, E. S. Atkinson, J. C. Orr.

To Southern Baptist Convention—Jos. Shackelford and E. S. Atkinson, Alternate.

MISSIONS.

The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the special order the subject of Missions was taken up and reports were read as follows.

On Associational Missions, by J. I. Stockton.

On State Missions, by Jos. Shackelford.

On Foreign Missions, W. T. Cobbs.

On Home Missions, by J. D. McClanahan.

The Subject of Missions in general was then discussed by Bro's. A. E. Burns. E. S. Atkinson, Jos. Shackelford.

PLEDGES FROM CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND INDIVIDUALS.

Pledges from the churches for missions were then taken as follows :

Bethel, (L)	\$ 5.00	Bethany,	\$ 5.00
Bethel, (M)	6.00	Blue Spring,	10.00
Danville,	50.00	Central church, New Decatur,	30.00
Decatur, First church,	30.00	Enon,	15.00
Falkville,	10.00	Hartselle,	20.00
Gum Springs, (M) Paid F. C.	4.60	Macedonia, (F) 50cts paid,	20.00
Mt. Nebo, (F)	20.00	Center Grove,	5.00
Mt. Hope,	20.00	Moulton,	20.00
Mt. Pisgah, Paid F. C.	14.00	Prospect,	5.00
Mt. Zion, (L)	5.00	New Decatur, First church,	75.00
New Friendship, pd	1.00	Russellville,	15.00
Pleasant Grove, pd to F. C.	5.00	Pleasant Hill,	10.00
Tuscumbia,	30.00	Town Creek,	20.00
Harmony, (pd \$1.15)	10.00	Mt. Stanley,	12.00
Mt. Nebo, (M)	5.00	Trinity, pd to F. C.	11.00
Friendship,	5.00	Furnace Hill,	5.00
Okolona,	10.00	Sheffield,	10.00
Tuscumbia S. S.,	10.00	Sheffield S. S.,	5.00
Decatur S. S.,	5.00	Russellville S. S.,	5.00
Moulton S. S.,	5.00	Central S. S., New Decatur,	8.00
E. S. Atkinson,	5.00	Jos. Shackelford, for D. church	10.00
A. L. Moody,	5.00	H. Horton,	1.00
W. T. Cobbs,	1.00	Cash collected,	13.31
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	261.00		\$330.31
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Total pledged, \$591.31

From J. G. Orr, \$5.00 paid. In memory of his daughter, Miss Glenn Orr, who was in her life time, an active worker in the church and Sabbath school at Danville.

How true the language of scripture:—"Blessed are the dead who die in

the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

The following is the total amount of pledges and cash, \$591.31

Collections on Sabbath,	16.44
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Total for missions for 1895,	\$607.75.
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After taking the pledges of the churches, the association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Bro. T. R. Bragg.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association convened at the appointed time, prayer by Bro. Quinn.

The reports on missions were then read and adopted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following report: Dear Brethren—It is a fact, that in our bounds there are many places where the people are not in close proximity to any of our churches. We would call special attention to such places as centers of influence. There are a number of weak churches, that are struggling for existence. Our Executive Board has been doing what it could with the means in hand, but it is our opinion, that if we had more mission work done in our midst, it would increase the missionary spirit in our churches, and that our State, Home and Foreign Boards would receive more aid from our association.

J. I. STOCKTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: The Baptist State Board of Missions, have the entire supervision of Missions in the State, and also the supervision of ministerial education and colportage. In fact all of our work as a denomination, so far as securing means for the promotion of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, the Colportage work and the education of ministers, has been turned over to this Board. This simplifies the work and lessens expenses. There is no need for agents to be put into the field by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Boards of Ministerial Education and Colportage have been merged into the State Mission Board. The Corresponding Secretary of this Board, Elder W. B. Crumton, assisted by three other brethren, who do the work of evangelists, as well as assisting the Secretary, canvass the entire State, in the interest of this Board. In this way the work of the Board is placed before the churches, and they are appealed to for the support of the different interests that are placed in the hands of the Board. Money, for whatever given, is sent to whatever Board the donor may direct. That is, if a brother or church wish to give to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or State Missions, all that is necessary, is for it to be so

designated, and it will be sent as directed. The success that has attended this plan thus far, proves that it is the best, and really produces more money for the different Boards. The following figures will show what has been collected for the various purposes during the year ending June 30th, 1895: State Missions, \$7,748.86; Home Missions, \$3,341.13; Foreign Missions, \$3,828.50; Ministerial Education, \$1,936.81; all other purposes, \$2,654.76; Total, \$19,510.09. The State Board is doing a great work in the State. It is educating our people to give more liberally and more systematically. It is having the gospel preached in our destitute towns and country places, and by its colporters supplying our people with Baptist literature. This is a good work and our churches should encourage it by liberal donations to that Board. We give below a summary of the work done by the Board in the State during the year ending June 30th, 1895:

Number of men employed, 40, of these 13 were Missionary Colporters; Days of service, 5,011; Miles traveled, 30,461; Sermons delivered, 2,332; Addresses made, 1,132; Churches constituted, 1; Number of persons baptized, 337, Baptized by others, 369; Received by letter, 305; Restored 42; Sunday schools organized, 43; Missionary Societies organized, 10; Prayer meetings organized, 101; Prayer meetings held, 639; Number of visits to preaching stations, 301; Number of churches visited, 613; Number of visits made, 7,127; Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist secured, 287; Subscribers to the "Foreign Mission Journal" secured, 129; Pages of tracts distributed 23,566; Meeting houses commenced, 7; Meeting houses finished, 8; Money collected for meeting houses, \$477.90; Money collected for Missions, \$1,575.27; Money collected for Ministerial Education, \$15.50; Money collected for Orphan's Home, \$92.80; Money collected for Bible and Colportage Board, \$42.40; Number of books sold, 994; Value of the same, \$474.82; Number of Bibles and Testaments sold, 617; Value of the same \$600.83; Number of Bibles and Testaments donated, 80; Value of the same, 14.90; Families found destitute of the Bible, 40; Nineteen young preachers in Howard College, and six in the Seminary.

We are glad to know that our State Board has been doing such a good work and we commend it to all our churches. Elder A. E. Burns is employed by the Board as an assistant Secretary, with territory in North Alabama. He has proven to be a most effective worker, and we trust that he may continue in this work. Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions submit the following report of the work of the Home Board for the year 1895:

Missionaries employed 425, Weeks of labor 11,466, Churches and Stations visited 3,484, Sermons and addresses delivered 46,620, Prayer meetings organized 5,774, Received by Baptism 5,921, Received by Letter 6,515, Total additions 10,564, Sunday Schools organized 2,110, Teachers

MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Seventy-sixth Annual Session of the Muscle Shoals Association of Baptists convened with the Bethel Baptist church, Colbert county, Ala., on Friday October 4th, 1895, at 11, a. m. Elder R. T. Wear preached the introductory sermon. His text was: Romans 4th 19th—"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all." After the sermon, prayer was offered by Elder J. I. Stockton and a recess of one hour taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time, Elder Jackson-Gunn, the former moderator, called the Association to order. The former clerk, Elder Jos. Shackelford, took his place at the clerk's table.

After religious services, conducted by the moderator, the association was declared ready for business and the following brethren were appointed as reading clerks, viz: J. C. Orr, J. I. Stockton and E. S. Atkinson.

The letters from the churches were then read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

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Central church, New Decater—O. F. Wright.

Falkville—S. S. Leeman, J. P. Thompson, W. H. Hay.

Enon—J. T. Wallace, F. N. McMillan.

Gum Springs, (Morgan county)—Letter, no delegates.

Friendship—James Walker.

Hopewell—J. J. Sandlin, D. J. Orr.

Harmony—J. A. Walker, J. S. Howell, W. W. Tucker.

Gum Springs, (Lawrence county)—G. W. Bond, W. H. Mustin.

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Lebanon—Letter, no delegates.
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Valhermosa Springs—Letter, no delegates.
Town Creek—R. T. Wear, John N. Jackson, L. A. Wear.
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Center Grove—M. W. Ratliff.
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T. L. BAKER, Secretary.

W. H. SIMPSON, President.

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J. M. SANDLIN, Clerk.

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To Cullman Association—M. Briscoe, J. C. Orr, W. T. Cobbs.

To Florence Association—Harbert Horton, E. Evans.

To Alabama Baptist State Convention—Jos. Shackelford, J. W. Sandlin, E. S. Atkinson, J. C. Orr.

To Southern Baptist Convention—Jos. Shackelford and E. S. Atkinson, Alternate.

MISSIONS.

The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the special order the subject of Missions was taken up and reports were read as follows.

On Associational Missions, by J. I. Stockton.

On State Missions, by Jos. Shackelford.

On Foreign Missions, W. T. Cobbs.

On Home Missions, by J. D. McClanahan.

The Subject of Missions in general was then discussed by Bro's. A. E. Burns, E. S. Atkinson, Jos. Shackelford.

PLEDGES FROM CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, AND INDIVIDUALS.

Pledges from the churches for missions were then taken as follows :

Bethel, (L)	\$ 5.00	Bethany,	\$ 5.00
Bethel, (M)	6.00	Blue Spring,	10.00
Danville,	50.00	Central church, New Decatur,	30.00
Decatur, First church,	30.00	Enon,	15.00
Falkville,	10.00	Hartselle,	20.00
Gum Springs, (M) Paid F. C.	4.60	Macedonia, (F) 50cts paid,	20.00
Mt. Nebo, (F)	20.00	Center Grove,	5.00
Mt. Hope,	20.00	Moulton,	20.00
Mt. Pisgah, Paid F. C.	14.00	Prospect,	5.00
Mt. Zion, (L)	5.00	New Decatur, First church,	75.60
New Friendship, pd	1.00	Russellville,	15.00
Pleasant Grove, pd to F. C.	5.00	Pleasant Hill,	10.00
Tuscumbia,	30.00	Town Creek,	20.00
Harmony, (pd \$1.15)	10.00	Mt. Stanley,	12.00
Mt. Nebo, (M)	5.00	Trinity, pd to F. C.	11.00
Friendship,	5.00	Furnace Hill,	5.00
Okolona,	10.00	Sheffield,	10.00
Tuscumbia S. S.,	10.00	Sheffield S. S.,	5.00
Decatur S. S.,	5.00	Russellville S. S.,	5.00
Moulton S. S.,	5.00	Central S. S., New Decatur.	8.00
E. S. Atkinson,	5.00	Jos. Shackelford, for D. church	10 00
A. L. Moody,	5.00	H. Horton,	1.00
W. T. Cobbs,	1.00	Cash collected,	13.31
	261.00		\$330.31
			261.00

Total pledged,

\$591.31

From J. G. Orr, \$5.00 paid. In memory of his daughter, Miss Glenn Orr, who was in her life time, an active worker in the church and Sabbath school at Danville.

How true the language of scripture:—"Blessed are the dead who die in

the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

The following is the total amount of pledges and cash, \$591.31
Collections on Sabbath, 16.44

Total for missions for 1895, \$607.75.

After taking the pledges of the churches, the association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Bro. T. R. Bragg.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association convened at the appointed time, prayer by Bro. Quinn.

The reports on missions were then read and adopted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following report: Dear Brethren—It is a fact, that in our bounds there are many places where the people are not in close proximity to any of our churches. We would call special attention to such places as centers of influence. There are a number of weak churches, that are struggling for existence. Our Executive Board has been doing what it could with the means in hand, but it is our opinion, that if we had more mission work done in our midst, it would increase, the missionary spirit in our churches, and that our State, Home and Foreign Boards would receive more aid from our association.

J. I. STOCKTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: The Baptist State Board of Missions, have the entire supervision of Missions in the State, and also the supervision of ministerial education and colportage. In fact all of our work as a denomination, so far as securing means for the promotion of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, the Colportage work and the education of ministers, has been turned over to this Board. This simplifies the work and lessens expenses. There is no need for agents to be put into the field by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Boards of Ministerial Education and Colportage have been merged into the State Mission Board. The Corresponding Secretary of this Board, Elder W. B. Crumton, assisted by three other brethren, who do the work of evangelists, as well as assisting the Secretary, canvass the entire State, in the interest of this Board. In this way the work of the Board is placed before the churches, and they are appealed to for the support of the different interests that are placed in the hands of the Board. Money, for whatever given, is sent to whatever Board the donor may direct. That is, if a brother or church wish to give to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or State Missions, all that is necessary, is for it to be so

designated, and it will be sent as directed. The success that has attended this plan thus far, proves that it is the best, and really produces more money for the different Boards. The following figures will show what has been collected for the various purposes during the year ending June 30th, 1895: State Missions, \$7,748.86; Home Missions, \$3,341.13; Foreign Missions, \$3,828.50; Ministerial Education, \$1,936.81; all other purposes, \$2,654.76; Total, \$19,510.09. The State Board is doing a great work in the State. It is educating our people to give more liberally and more systematically. It is having the gospel preached in our destitute towns and country places, and by its colporters supplying our people with Baptist literature. This is a good work and our churches should encourage it by liberal donations to that Board. We give below a summary of the work done by the Board in the State during the year ending June 30th, 1895:

Number of men employed, 40, of these 13 were Missionary Colporters; Days of service, 5,011; Miles traveled, 30,461; Sermons delivered, 2,332; Addresses made, 1,132; Churches constituted, 1; Number of persons baptised, 337, Baptized by others, 369; Received by letter, 305; Restored 42; Sunday schools organized, 43; Missionary Societies organized, 10; Prayer meetings organized, 101; Prayer meetings held, 639; Number of visits to preaching stations, 301; Number of churches visited, 613; Number of visits made, 7,127; Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist secured, 287; Subscribers to the "Foreign Mission Journal" secured, 129; Pages of tracts distributed 23,566; Meeting houses commenced, 7; Meeting houses finished, 8; Money collected for meeting houses, \$477.90; Money collected for Missions, \$1,575.27; Money collected for Ministerial Education, \$15.50; Money collected for Orphan's Home, \$92.80; Money collected for Bible and Colportage Board, \$42.40; Number of books sold, 994; Value of the same, \$474.82; Number of Bibles and Testaments sold, 617; Value of the same \$600.83; Number of Bibles and Testaments donated, 80; Value of the same, 14.90; Families found destitute of the Bible, 40; Nineteen young preachers in Howard College, and six in the Seminary.

We are glad to know that our State Board has been doing such a good work and we commend it to all our churches. Elder A. E. Burns is employed by the Board as an assistant Secretary, with territory in North Alabama. He has proven to be a most effective worker, and we trust that he may continue in this work. Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions submit the following report of the work of the Home Board for the year 1895:

Missionaries employed 425, Weeks of labor 11,466, Churches and Stations visited 3,484, Sermons and addresses delivered 46,620, Prayer meetings organized 5,774, Received by Baptism 5,921, Received by Letter 6,515, Total additions 10,564, Sunday Schools organized 2,110, Teachers

Reports on Orphans' Home and Young People's Work called for. No reports offered.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

The report on Colportage work was read by Bro. R. T. Wear, and after discussion by Bros. Shackelford, Norwood, McClanahan, and Orr, and amended by resolution offered by Bro. Shackelford, was adopted as follows:

As this Association has done nothing along this line of work, at least for several years, we can but emphasize the suggestion made last year by the committee on this subject: That this Association should have a Missionary Colporteur for all his time, supplied with Bibles and our best denominational books. When the importance of this work is properly brought before our people, we feel that it will result in great good and strength to the denomination. We know that an effort has been made by the State Board of Missions to raise in each Association a permanent fund to be invested in books, and that the Association cooperate with the State Board in procuring a suitable man who shall travel throughout the bounds of this body, preaching the gospel, and supplying the people with Bibles and wholesome religious literature. My brethren; shall we not at once, even at this meeting, do something to start this work, which all who have given it the proper thought, admit it to be of such vital importance to us as churches of Christ. The land is flooded with literature, which in its tendency to say the least, is dishonoring to the truth of Christ. Books are circulated that are mere assertions, yet, put forth in such a way as is calculated to mislead, especially the young. Many of these are aiming their darts at the truth as held by Baptist. Shall we not then make an effort to counteract these influences with the truth of Christ? Brethren; let us be loyal to the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, faithful to the trust committed to us, and earnest in giving the whole truth to our fellow man as it is in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. WEAR,
T. R. BRAGG.

Amended by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we suggest to our executive board the importance of having a colportage work done within the bounds of the Muscle Shoals Association and request them to organize the mission work with the colportage as a permanent part of it.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on the State of Religion was read, and after remarks by Bro. J. C. Orr, was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on State of Religion, report as follows: We find from the reports of the letters, that there have been several revivals of

religion in our midst, souls born to God, and sinners convinced of their need of a Saviour, and the churches more fully convinced of their obligation to do the work which their Divine Master called them to do. Christ said: "Ye are the light of the world," God help them to let their light shine. We feel satisfied that our ministers have done faithful preaching in setting forth the light and life of Christ to their congregations. We are sorry that we have no report from about 15 of our churches, we hope, however, that the Spirit of the Master is with them. A very small per cent of our churches reports Sunday Schools. There are, however, a good many of our churches that have Sunday Schools, that fail to report them in their letters. Only a few report proper meetings. We thank God that the interest is increasing in our bounds, along on the line of religious work. We find that some churches report that they are in a lukewarm condition. We would advise such churches to see that they have service at their house of worship every Lord's day, and consecrate their lives to the service of God. We have received an abundant harvest this year, and our land is filed with plenty to meet our demands in temporal things, God help us to contribute liberally of our substance to the Lord's cause, that we may continue to receive these temporal things; for He says: "The liberal soul shall be made fat." God grant that the time may soon come, when every church in the bounds of the Muscle Shoals Association shall be worked up to a higher standard of christian living and christian giving. Respectfully Submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

The following report on documents was read and adopted: Dear Brethren—We find from the letters to this body, 1st. That four of the churches ask for the meeting of this body in 1896, to-wit: Sheffield, Town Creek, Gum Spring, in Morgan county and the Central church, of New Decatur. 2nd, Two churches ask for the publication of the Articles of Faith as adopted by this association, in the minutes of this year.

J. I. STOCKTON,
TOBE WILLIAMS,
T. McCLESKEY.

ORPHANS HOME.

The following report on Orphans' Home was read and adopted: We rejoice in the fact that this institution, located in Evergreen, Ala., Elder J. W. Stewart, the Financial Secretary, is succeeding finely. Many orphan children of deceased Baptists, are being provided with good homes and their mental and moral development provided for. Brethren, there is no more humane and benevolent work than this. Let all our churches take regular collections for this good work, and forward promptly to Elder J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN.

The old Board of Ministerial Education was reappointed. See list on first page of cover.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING;

The committee on time and place of next meeting and preacher of introductory sermon and alternate, reported as follows:

We your committee on time and place of the next meeting of the Muscle Shoals Association, recommend Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1896, as the time, and Town Creek church Lawrence county, as the place, and J. W. Sandlin to preach the introductory sermon, with E. S. Atkinson as alternate.

O. F. WRIGHT,
E. EVANS,
LUTHER A. WEAR.

The report of the committee as to time was for Friday, which on motion of Bro. E. Evans, was changed to Thursday, and the report thus amended was adopted.

A letter from Bro. Jno. Speer, addressed to Bro. Jos. Shackelford, was read to the Association. In this letter Bro. Speer expressed the opinion that he would never again meet with the Association and asked the prayers of the brethren. His health has been very bad for some time, and there are fears that he may never recover. A collection was taken for his benefit amounting to \$8.75 and turned over to the clerk to be delivered to Bro. Speer. The Association spent a short time in prayer in his behalf, led by the Moderator.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

By Bro. J. D. McClanahan, Resolved, That the delegates comprising the Muscle Shoals Association tender our thanks to the Bethel Baptist Church and the people of the vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst.

By Bro. O. F. Wright, Resolved, That the clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes printed and superintend the distribution of the same; and that he be paid \$25 for his services. The treasurer is authorized to pay for the printing and clerk's fee.

By Bro. O. F. Wright, on Temperance. Resolved, that it is the duty of all Baptists to discountenance the sale and manufacture of all intoxicating beverages, also the drinking of same. And that the drinking, sale, or signing of any petition to authorize the sale of intoxicants should be considered a just cause for the withdrawal of church fellowship. This resolution was discussed by Bros. Finney, Shackelford, Burns and Orr.

By Jos. Shackelford, Resolved, That the Executive Board be

instructed to send all moneys donated by the churches to the respective boards to which they are designated, and divide the remainder of the mission money among the respective boards, Foreign, Home, State and Associational, equitably and that the clerk be authorized to correct the report of the Finance Committee according to the letters, and his knowledge of the facts.

TRUSTEES OF THE DANVILLE SCHOOL.

The committee appointed to suggest persons to be appointed Trustees of Danville School to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the time of J. C. Tidwell, George C. Hardwick and W. H. Simpson, recommended that the same be reappointed for three years. The report was adopted and the brethren appointed Trustees for the term ending in October 1898.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Associational Missions—O. E. Comstock, R. E. Quinn, J. E. Roan.

State Missions—T. R. Bragg, Marion Briscoe, W. H. Aycock.

Foreign Missions—J. Gunn, J. W. Sandlin, W. E. Wright.

Home Missions—W. T. Cobbs, Peter Clay, J. T. Wallace.

Education—D. F. Green, J. G. Orr, J. N. Jackson.

Ministerial Education—Jos. Shackelford, Wm. East, D. J. Orr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted with the provision that the clerk be allowed to arrange the same according to instructions from the churches. See table.

All business being completed, on motion the Association adjourned sine die. After singing the parting hymn and giving the parting hand, prayer was offered by Bro. W. E. Wright, the Moderator then pronounced the Association adjourned. Thus closed another pleasant, and we trust, profitable session.

R. T. WEAR, Moderator.

JOSEPHUS SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

Statistics of Muscle Shoals Association for 1895.

CHURCHES.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clk's P. O	Membership Last Report.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Voucher.	By Restoration.	Increase by	Decreased by	Officers and deacons.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Prayer Meetings.	Reports Revival.	
						Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.	Present	Membership and deacons.						
Bethel.....	Colbert	W. C. Summers	John H. Sockwell	Avoca	201	16	2			6	7	2	204		1	1	
Bethel.....	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. C. Leone	Hartselle	104	2	2			4			102				
Bethany.....	Lawrence	J. D. Dawson	T. W. Owens	Town Creek	65	3				3	2		66		3	1	
Blue Spring.....	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	W. J. Weaver	Blue Spring	116	2				1	41		78				
Cave Spring.....	Morgan		Monty Collier	Priceville	16								116				
Central, New Decatur.....	Morgan		Jno. A. Thomason	Centre Grove	129	4				3	183		10	110	Every S	1	
Centre Grove.....	Morgan	John E. Weaver	J. A. Crawford	Centre Grove	19	5	3			25			25				
Cherry Hill.....	Franklin	H. V. Lantrif	E. E. Richardson	Waco	60	1				1	147		3	40	1st and 3rd		
Danville.....	Morgan	Jos. Shackelford	Burleson Orr	Danville	10		2			10	1	49	6	3	40		
Decatur, 1st Church.....	Morgan	E. S. Atkinson	W. W. Garnett	Decatur	26	1				5	130		1	40			
Enon.....	Lawrence	J. Gunn	I. L. Wallace	Danville	145	1	2			1	1		139				
Friendship.....	Lawrence	M. Briscoe	E. W. Roden	Danville	1	2				1	1		233				
Fairville.....	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	T. L. Simpson	Fallville	46					1	1		52				
Furnace Hill.....	Colbert	O. E. Comstock	G. W. Bridges	Sheffield	38	9	2	1		1			49				
Gum Springs.....	Lawrence	J. M. Roberts	G. W. Bond	Hattott	32					1	1		51				
Gum Springs.....	Morgan	J. E. Roan	E. J. Pannell	Fallville	79	6				1	1		83				
Harmony.....	Lawrence	L. A. Wear	J. S. Howell	Moulton	35	2				2	2		47				
Hillsboro.....	Lawrence		W. J. Cottingham	Hillsboro	71					1	2		68	3	30		
Hopewell.....	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	D. J. Orr	Danville	112					2	1		109				
Hartselle.....	Morgan	Isaac Windsor	E. P. Johnson	Hartselle	44	2	18			11	8		45		7	55	
Isbell.....	Franklin	No letter		Isbell	181												
Lebanon.....	Morgan	W. J. Briscoe	W. H. Jenkins	Fallville	83	3	1			5	1		80				
Macdonia.....	Franklin	R. T. Wear	F. F. Elkins	New Burg	50	13				6	1		60	3	49		
Macdoon.....	Morgan	J. Speer	A. W. Sykes	Priceville	23								132				
Mt. Zion.....	Morgan	J. D. McClanahan	W. H. H. Thompson	Hartselle	82	2				5	1		74				
Mt. Zion.....	Lawrence	Isaac Bradford	F. M. Jackson	Edward	52	6				1	7		65				
Mt. Nebo.....	Franklin	R. T. Wear	T. J. Byars	Russellville	62	11				6	7		73				
Mt. Nebo.....	Morgan	W. T. Cobbs	R. B. Gibson	Massey	76	2				4	1		74		7	45	
Mt. Hope.....	Lawrence	R. T. Wear	Geo. W. Jackson	Mt. Hope	81	2				1	2		30				
Mission Grove.....	Lawrence			Yates									9				
Moulton.....	Lawrence	J. Gunn	H. B. Irwin	Moulton	47	2				6	2		41		5	25	
Mt. Piggah.....	Morgan	J. Gunn	H. A. McClellan	Flint	7	3				1			81				
New Hope.....	Morgan	O. R. Blackman	M. Lawrence	Courtland	13	1				2	1		21				
Mt. Stanley.....	Lawrence	J. M. Roberts	C. A. Reynolds	Town Creek	86	4	1			1	10		81		6	60	
New Prospect.....	Lawrence	L. A. Wear	C. A. Masters	Landersville	43	2				2	12		29		1		
New Friendship.....	Morgan	W. E. Wright	T. J. Blankinship	Somerville	30					7	1		29				
New Centre.....	Morgan	W. E. Wright	J. W. Mapler	Somerville	26	3				6	2		29				
New Decatur, 1st church	Morgan	J. W. Sandlin	R. W. Harden	New Decatur	79	2	7			1	3		80		9	67	
Okolona.....	Lawrence	J. C. Reed	T. J. Blankinship	Okolona	64	9				4	1		78				
Pleasant Grove.....	Lawrence	T. R. Bragg	M. C. Bragg	Moulton	67	3				4	1		64		7	61	
Prospect.....	Lawrence	J. F. Roan	Peter Clay	Somerville	21	2							21				
Russellville.....	Morgan	O. R. Blackman	Met. Clay	Russellville	112	2				20	1		92		1		
Rooky Creek.....	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	M. R. Oden	Lawrence Cove	35	10				4	6		50				
Sheffield.....	Colbert	S. J. Ansley	E. Evans	Sheffield	46	4	10			1	1		59		9	57	
Salem.....	Lawrence	J. C. Moore	J. C. Wetters	Priceville	67	1							125				
Shoal Creek.....	Morgan	J. E. Roan	A. H. Daniel	Priceville	23								125				
Somerville.....	Morgan	T. J. Weaver	Mrs. M. E. Peck	Somerville	27					10	1		41				
Pleasant Hill.....	Morgan	J. Gunn	R. W. Simpson	Simpson	92								122				
Shady Grove.....	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. A. Moore	Cityville	38	2				3	4		39				
Siloam.....	Franklin	Jos. Shackelford	R. M. Ramsey	Russellville	113	3				6	2		112		7	32	
Tusculum.....	Colbert	R. T. Wear	C. A. Venable	Tusculum	132	7				10	2		153		1		
Town Creek.....	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. M. Jackson	Mt. Hope	132	7				6	4		127		1		
Trinity.....	Morgan	J. M. Roberts	H. T. Lisle	Trinity	79	3				8			86				
Liberty.....	Lawrence	W. E. Wright	W. J. Young	Town Creek	28					2			27				
Valerious Springs.....	Morgan		W. E. Hardage	Taluch	79					2			27				
Total.....					2368	137	122	1	6	179	36	98	3327	100	909	15	17

REMARKS—(†) Trinity and Siloam are two new churches. (†) Reported last year, no report this year. (‡) No report last year. Echa church dismissed to Cullman Association. Some churches have Sunday Schools and do not report them, some report school but not the number of pupils.

Financial Exhibit of Muscle Shoals Association for 1895.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.		State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Bible and Colportage.		Ministerial Education.		Orphan Home.		Minutes.		Sabbath-school contribution and expenses.		Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Expense Fund, repairs and the Poor.	Value of Building and Property.	Church building and repairs.
	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Vchs	Cash	Cash	Cash	Cash					
Bethel.....(C)	13 30	85							1 00		2 00				1 00		18 15					400 00	
Bethel.....(M)		5 90													50		8 65					400 00	
Bethany.....	5 00										4 45				1 00		6 00					300 00	
Blue Spring.....	2 50																6 00					400 00	
Central, N. Decatur.			21 45	10 00											50		5 00					4500 00	1600 00
Centre Grove.....	3 54	1 46									2 00				2 00		7 50						
Cherry Hill.....															50		50						
Danville.....	12 50				7 50		12 50	7 50			5 00				1 00		61 00	100 00				1200 00	
Decatur, 1st Church.	4 15			6 55		10 00		10 15							1 35		32 20	500 00				2500 00	
Enon.....	11 00	45					3 00				2 50						17 10	450 00				500 00	
Friendship.....	3 00																3 00					250 00	
Falkville.....	6 38			3 62											1 00		11 00					400 00	
Furnace Hill.....				3 07											1 00		4 07						
Gum Springs.....(L)	3 40				2 00										40		3 40			30 15		50 00	
Gum Springs.....(M)		3 00					4 00										9 00						
Harmony.....	1 15														1 00	5 00	15 00					1800 00	
Hillsboro.....	9 00										4 00				1 10		13 85					1000 00	
Hopewell.....	2 00	6 75									5 00				1 50	50 c	11 50						
Hartselle.....	3 15														1 00		4 15					250 00	
Lebanon.....	5 00			2 75											85		9 85					250 00	
Liberty.....															2 55		5 30					250 00	
Macedonia.....(M)				5 80													7 30					250 00	
Macedonia.....(F)		4 95		2 15											1 05		1 15					250 00	
Mt. Zion.....(M)															50		5 50					75 00	
Mt. Zion.....(L)	5 00														1 05		20 00						
Mt. Zion.....(F)	17 50						2 50								1 00		3 50					550 00	
Mt. Nebo.....(M)	5 50										2 50				50		20 00						
Mt. Hope.....	9 05	5 35			1 00						2 50				1 00		18 50						
Moulton.....	30 00										2 50				10 00		52 00					1000 00	
Mt. Pisgah.....	14 00														50		14 50					850 00	
New Hope.....	50						1 20								30		2 00						
New Prospect.....	4 53	67					3 00										8 00						
New Friendship.....	1 00																1 00						
Mt. Stanley.....	8 75	1 25													1 00		11 00					250 00	
New Centre.....	1 50																2 40						
New Decatur, 1st.....	8 50	90 00					2 18								50	A. B. T. S.	123 01					850 00	\$387 50
Okolona.....	5 00										1 00						6 00					200 00	
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00										2 05						5 00					100 00	
Pleasant Hill.....	8 50			3 25													9 75					500 00	
Russellville.....	3 10			6 90							10 00						15 00	35 00	165 00			1500 00	
Rocky Creek.....	2 55										50	1 10					4 55						
Sheffield.....						9 30									1 00		16 00	26 00	283 00	49 00		1200 00	
Salem.....						4 08	42								80		5 30					200 00	
Shady Grove.....	3 40			1 60													1 08					600 00	
Tuscumbia.....	14 51			10 49		5 66					6 35				1 50		57 09					3000 00	\$1550 00
Trinity.....	8 30			2 70													11 81						
Town Creek.....	20 50										5 50						26 00					800 00	
Valhermosa Springs.....	2 00										5 00				25		2 25						
Total.....	363 65	96 43	21 45	73 70	14 16	31 51	32 38	46 00			37 75	15 10	38 94	27 91	114 16	114 16	823 88		141 25	26725 00		667 50	

* Paid. † From Woman's Society for building &c., \$250.00, has had no pastor this year.
 ‡ Of this Bro. J. G. Orr gave \$5.00 in memory of Miss Glenn Orr his daughter. § This church has a parsonage. || This church has no house. ¶ \$4. paid for Ministerial Education by D. J. Orr's family. ||| \$5.00 for Educational Fund and \$10.00 for Orphan's Home was from the Sunday-school. §§ \$70 raised by Sunday-school. ¶¶ Sunday-school contributed \$4.30 for Mission. |||| \$20.15 from the Carrie Shackelford Missionary Band of S. S.

Total collected from churches.....\$ 823 88
 Collections at Association for Missions.....18 31
 Collections for Ministerial Education.....8 75
 Sunday Collections for Missions.....16 44
 Interest on Owen Fund.....20 00
 Interest on Courtland Church Fund.....16 00

Total.....\$ 898 43

Exp. Expense, repairs and poor, \$147.25. Church building and repairs, 687.50. Total of \$834.75

Report of Finance Committee of Muscle Shoals Association.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Associational Missions.		Orphans Home.		Bible and Colportage.		Ministerial Education.		Minutes.	Renewal.
	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	Vchs.	Cash	
Bethel, (C)					1 00		13 30	85					2 00		1 00	
Bethel, (M)		1 05				1 20		5 90							50	
Bethany,							5 00						4 45		1 00	
Blue Spring,	21 45	10 00				14 60									2 00	
Central, N. Decatur,													2 00		50	
Centre Grove,							3 54	1 46							50	
Cherry Hill,			7 50		12 50	7 50							5 00		50	
Danville,		10 00		10 00		10 15	4 15								1 00	
Decatur, 1st Church,		6 55			3 00		11 00	45						2 65		1 35
Enon,							3 00								1 00	
Friendship,		3 65					6 38								1 00	
Falkville,		3 07													1 00	
Furnace Hill,							3 40								40	
Gum Springs, (L)					4 60			3 00								
Gum Springs, (M)							1 15									
Harmony,							9 00								1 00	
Hillsboro,							2 02	6 75					4 00		1 10	
Hopewell,													5 00		1 50	5 00
Hartselle,							3 15								1 00	
Lebanon,							5 00								95	
Liberty,					50										1 00	
Macedonia, (F)								5 80							50	
Macedonia, (M)		2 75							2 55						50	
Mt. Zion, (L)							5 00								50	
Mt. Zion, (M)		2 15						4 95							1 05	
Mt. Nebo, (F)					2 50		17 50									
Mt. Nebo, (M)							5 50									
Mt. Hope,							9 65	5 35					2 50		1 00	
Moulton,	1 00						30 00		10 00				2 50	7 50	1 00	
Mt. Pisgah,							14 00									
Mt. Stanley,							8 75	1 25							50	
New Hope,				1 20			50								30	
New Prospect,				3 00			4 33	67								
New Friendship,							1 00									
New Century,							1 90								50	
New Decatur,		9 66				2 13	8 59	50 00	25 79				2 05		1 00	
Okolona,							5 00						1 00			
Pleasant Grove,							5 00									
Pleasant Hill,		1 25					8 50									
Russellville,		6 50					3 10						10 00			
Rocky Creek,							2 55						50	1 50		
Sheffield,				9 30											1 00	
Salem,					4 08	42									80	
Shady Grove,		1 60					3 40									
Tusculum,		10 49	5 66			10 00	14 51						6 25	3 75	1 50	
Town Creek,							20 50						5 50			
Valhermosa Springs,							2 00								25	
Trinity,		2 70					8 30								81	
Total	21 45	73 79	14 16	31 51	32 38	46 00	263 65	86 43		38 34			52 75	15 40	27 91	5 00

RECAPITULATION.

	Cash.	Vchs.
Associational Missions.....	\$ 263 65	\$ 86 43
State Missions.....	21 45	73 79
Home Missions.....	14 16	31 51
Foreign Missions.....	52 38	46 00
Ministerial Education.....	52 75	15 40
Sunday-school, for Ministerial Education.....	5 00	
Sunday-school, for Orphan Home.....		38 34
Public Collection on Sunday.....	16 44	
Public Collection on Saturday.....	13 31	
Public Collection on Saturday for Education.....	8 75	
Minute Fund.....	27 91	
	455 80	291 47

Paid Treasurer.....	\$ 343 00	
Paid Jos Shackelford for Treasurer.....	88 80	
Paid Treasurer by Clerk.....	20 00	collected since adjournment.
" " " ".....	4 00	
	455 80	

Total Cash.....\$ 455 80
Total Vouchers..... 291 47

Grand Total, 747 27

A. L. MOODY, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS—NAME, AND P. O.

Central, New Decatur, W. H. Simpson, Decatur, Ala.
Danville, D. F. Creen, Danville, Ala.
Decatur, 1st Church, W. W. Garnett, Decatur, Ala.
Friendship, J. Dutton, Danville, Ala.
Furnace Hill, O. E. Comstock, Sheffield, Ala.
Hillsboro, W. S. Stephens, Hillsboro, Ala.
Hartselle, H. B. Kelly, Hartselle, Ala.
Lebanon, S. J. Willhite, Falkville, Ala.
Mt. Nebo, J. S. Minter, Massey, Ala.
Moulton, A. G. Spinks, Moulton, Ala.

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